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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45  
**Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS) and Long Term Support (LTS)  
for Competitive ETC**  
Annual Certification Filing

Dear Ms. Dortch:

South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company first became eligible for ICLS and LTS as a competitive ETC in March 2003, under SAC 359008. I certified South Slope's proper use of all ICLS and LTS support on March 17, 2003. I did so again in June 2003, consistent with the annual requirement. But USAC's "ICLS checklist" still shows South Slope's certification date as March 17, 2003. So just to ensure that South Slope is not out of compliance for March 2004 to June 2004, I am resubmitting my certification letter. I will submit the certification again in June 2004, consistent with the annual requirement.

This is to certify that South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company will use its Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS) and Long Term Support (LTS) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended. South Slope receives portable ICLS and LTS support for a wireless service offering that it provides as a Competitive ETC within ILEC study area 351298. I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company. This certification is for the Competitive ETC study area listed below.

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Study Area Code</u>
South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company	Iowa	359008

If you have any questions regarding this certification, please call me at the number below, or Joe Schuele at Martin Group Consulting at 605-995-6816. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*J.R. Brumley, CEO*

Date: 3-8-2004

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